

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Endowments Department – Certain irregularities in eviction of encroachers from lands of Sri Agastheswara (Malleswara) Swamy Temple, K.Uppalapadu situated at Agasthavarapadu Village, Pedakakani Mandal, Guntur District – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri N.Vijay Kumar, Joint Commissioner (Retd.), Endowments Department, Guntur – Imposed punishment of 15% cut in pension permanently -Representations submitted – Directions of Hon'ble High Court – Modified penalty of 15% cut in pension for 5 years only, on humanitarian grounds– Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1255

Date:14.10.2025
Read the following:

- 1.G.O.Rt.No.1106, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 31.10.2017.
2. Representation of Sri N. Vijay Kumar, Joint Commissioner (Retd.), dated 26.08.2023 & 27.11.2023.
- 3.Orders of the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. in W.P.No.25657/2023, dated 03.10.2023.
4. From the Commissioner of Endowments, A.P., dated 13.07.2025.

ORDER:

Whereas, based on the final report of the Director General, ACB, dated.13.07.2007, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings under the APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 against five officials including Sri N. Vijay Kumar, Deputy Commissioner, Endowments Department, Guntur (now Retired), for failure to take timely and effective steps to evict encroachers from Acs.9.24 cents of temple land belonging to Sri Agastheswara Swamy Temple, Agasthavarapadu Village, Pedakakani Mandal, Guntur District, despite having issued eviction orders thereby facilitated the encroachers continuing in possession of the temple property, causing loss to the Department and failed to supervise his duties.

2. The case was entrusted to the Commissioner of Inquiries. The Inquiry Authority submitted Inquiry report on 08.01.2014 holding that the charge was not proved against the Charged Officer. The Government, however, after examining, disagreed with the findings of the Inquiry Officer, observed that mere passing of eviction orders without reporting non-execution to higher officials amounts to inaction. Since the Charged Officer failed to ensure eviction of encroachers from temple lands, the charge against him has been treated as proved, and the disagreement factor was communicated to the individual. After considering his representation and following due procedure, the Government has imposed the penalty of 15% cut in pension permanently, under Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, vide G.O.1st read above.

3. Later on, vide reference 2nd read above, the individual submitted representations requesting to reconsider the quantum of punishment from

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permanent cut to a cut for 5 years, on humanitarian grounds citing old age, health issues, and financial hardship. Subsequently, the individual aggrieved by the orders of Government approached the Hon'ble High Court, wherein Hon'ble APHC in W.P.No.25657/2023, by order dated 03.10.2023, directed the Government to consider his representation and pass appropriate orders vide reference 3rd read above.

4. The Commissioner of Endowments, vide reference 4th read above, report dated 13.07.2025, while reiterating the facts of the case, has observed that implementation of eviction orders primarily rested with the Assistant Commissioner and Executive Officer of the temple, and that similarly placed officers were given lesser punishments. Considering the fact that Sri N. Vijay Kumar retired long back on 31.01.2014 and the petitioner's old-age ailments, the Commissioner has recommended reduction of the penalty on humanitarian grounds.

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view the recommendations of the Commissioner of Endowments, hereby orders that the penalty imposed on Sri N. Vijay Kumar, Joint Commissioner (Retd.), Endowments Department vide G.O.Rt.No.1106, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 31.10.2017, of 15% cut in pension permanently, is modified and reduced to 15% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years only, on humanitarian grounds.

6. The Commissioner of Endowments, Andhra Pradesh, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**DR M.HARI JAWAHARLAL
EX. OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri N. Vijay Kumar, former Deputy Commissioner of Endowments, (now Retired) through the Commissioner of Endowments, Andhra Pradesh, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.

The Commissioner of Endowments, A.P., Vijayawada.

The Accountant General, AP, Hyderabad

The Director, Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada

The Regional Joint Commissioner, Endowments Department, Tirupati

The Deputy Commissioner, Endowments Department, Guntur District

The Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department, Guntur District

The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister (Endowments).

The P.S. to Chief Secretary.

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SECTION OFFICER